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SUBJECT: XONICS/TELCOM DISPUTE WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

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1. DR. ANDREW F. BRIMMER, FORMER MEMBER OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD AND NOW A CONSULTANT TO XONICS/TELCOM, PLANS TRAVEL TO SAUDI ARABIA IN COMPANY OF GEN. (RET.) HARRY E. TABOR, MEMBER OF TELCOM BOARD. BRIMMER AND TABOR HOPE TO CALL ON VICE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, PRINCE AHMAD, TO WHOM BRIMMER HAS SENT LONG TELEX (WHICH HE IS REPEATING TO EMBASSY). IN TELEX, BRIMMER SAID XONICS HAS BEEN GIVEN DEADLINE (JULY 26, BRIMMER TOLD US ORALLY) BY SEC TO MAKE PUBLIC ALL OF ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING ITS DISPUTE WITH SAG. XONICS CHAIRMAN BERNARD KATZ, WHO MET WITH AMBASSADOR WEST (REFTEL), HAS THUS FAR RESISTED ON GROUNDS THAT CONTRACT WITH SAG IS CONFIDENTIAL
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AND SENSITIVE.

2. BRIMMER SAID HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH FRED DUTTON (COUNSEL TO SAUDI EMBASSY WASHINGTON) AND AMBASSADOR ALIREZA, BOTH OF WHOM PROMISED TO REPORT TO SAG MOFA XONICS/TELCOM INTEREST IN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE. HE ALSO SAID A CERTAIN MR. HILL, MEMBER OF XONICS BOARD, WAS TO CALL

AMBASSADOR WEST, WHOM HE SAID HE KNEW PERSONALLY. BRIMMER
ASKED FOR WHATEVER ASSISTANCE EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE.

3. DESK OFFICER SAID HE WAS SURE AMBASSADOR WEST OR DCM
DANIELS WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST BRIMMER AND TABOR AS
APPROPRIATE. SHOULD MEASURES APPEAR NECESSARY TO UPHOLD
CONFIDENTIALITY OF TELCOM/SAG RELATIONSHIP, EMBASSY COULD
BE COUNTED ON TO RECOMMEND THEM TO DEPARTMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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